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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON

REF: A) STATE 110678; B) CAIRO 4765 (NOTAL)

1. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON PLANS TO VISIT JIDDA AND RIYADH MAY 19-21 FOR PURPOSES OUTLINED REF A (BEING REPEATED CAIRO SEPTEL). IF EGYPTIANS SO DESIRE, HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO STOP BRIEFLY IN CAIRO ON WAY HOME TO PROVIDE A GENERAL STATUS REPORT ON HIS EFFORTS SINCE LAST CAIRO VISIT, THOUGH HE WOULD NOT YET BE IN POSITION TO OUTLINE OUR FINAL PLANS, AS ADMINISTRATION POSITION FOR ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS AT SALZBURG WILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT AFTER HIS RETURN.

2. IN CONVEYING ABOVE TO EGYPTIANS, YOU SHOULD ALSO REFER TO YOUR CONVERSATION WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR (REF B) AND SUGGEST THAT IT IS UNWISE FOR EGYPTIANS TO BE TELLING OTHER CONFIDENTIAL

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POTENTIAL DONORS THAT USG IS LEADING MULTILATERAL EFFORT

TO RESCUE EGYPT'S ECONOMY. WHILE WE ARE DOING WHAT WE CAN TO HELP IN HARMONY WITH SAUDI ARABIA, IRAN, IBRD AND OTHERS, POSSIBLE DONORS SHOULD NOT BE DISCOURAGED BY EGYPTIANS FROM CONTRIBUTING. A US-LED INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM

IS A MORE FORMAL CONCEPT THAN WE CONTEMPLATE. EGYPT NEEDS ALL THE HELP IT CAN GET AND OTHER COUNTRIES COULD BE TURNED AWAY IF IMPRESSION IS CREATED THAT U.S. HAS ENTIRE MATTER IN HAND.

3. WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR JUDGMENT AS TO WHICH GOE OFFICIALS TO APPROACH ON ABOVE, WITH SADAT OR FAHMY AWAY, BUT MINFINANCE ABU ISMAIL WOULD SEEM LOGICAL. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST IF GOE WISHES ROBINSON TO STOP IN CAIRO FOR QUICK GENERAL REVIEW. KISSINGER

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